compressors and water injection pumps, floods in Eastern region during June 1985, etc.

Some of the steps being taken to make up the shortfall are:

(i) Increased development drilling.

(ii) Acceleration of workover operations.

(iii) Putting more wells on gas lift by installation of additional pumps and compressors.

(iv) Increase pressure maintenance by water injection and gas injection.

Power shortage in the country

1470. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that he has suggested a two-pronged strategy to overcome power shortages in the country;

(b) whether the two main basic needs were the timely implemnetation of the power projects and adequate steps to improve capacity utilisation of the existing capacities;

(c) if so, whether great stress is being laid on these two suggesions;

(d) what steps are being taken to implement these suggestions; and

(e) whether these suggestions after implementation have proved any success?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) to (e) Yes, Sir.

(d) In order to improve performance of thermal power stations, a number of measures are being taken on a continuous basis. The measures include:—

(i) Assistance to State Electricity Boards/power stations for undertaking plant betterment programmes.

(ii) Assisting State Electricity Boards/power stations in procurement of requisite quality and quantity of coal and also spare parts from indigenous and foreign sources.

(iii) Visit of task forces and roving teams to identify weak areas requiring improvement and preparation of time bound programmes for rectification.

(iv) Training of engineers and operation and maintenance personnel.

(v) Implemetation of a Centrally sponsored renovation and modernisation scheme for thermal stations, with Central loan.

To expedite the commissioning of new generating capacity, States|SEBs have been advised to strengthen their project management organisations, employ modern monitoring techniques, intensify inspections, and ensure the timely availability of various inputs. Extensive monitoring is also being done by CEA and Department of Power. Senior Officers visit various projects for assisting in the identification and overcoming of constraints. Meetings are held with the equipment suppliers for expediting the delivery of the equipment etc.

(e) Yes, Sir. The plant load factor of thermal stations improved from 44.3 per cent in 1979-80 to 50.1 per cent in 1984-85. The additional capacity commissioned during 1983-84 was about 98 per cent of the target and during 1984-85 it was about 91 per cent of the target.

Pay packets paid to employees/officers in Public Sector Undertakings

1471. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the minimum and maximum of pay packets paid to employees/officers in public sector undertakings in the country; and

(b) whether there is any proposal before the Government to reduce the existing disparities between the maximum and minimum earnings of the persons employed in public sector undertakings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Pay packets, besides basic

pay and Dearness Allowance may consist of many other fringe benefits which differ from undertaking to undertaking partly due to historical reasons and partly due to bilateral negotiations between the Management and Trade Union representatives in respect of unionised employees. Further the employees of the same Company having same scales of pay may have different pay packets depending upon the place of their posting. Thus, it is very difficult to quantify the minimum/maximum pay packets paid to the employees/officers of various public sector undertakings.

(b) While no specific proposal is under the consideration of the Government, the need to reduce the disparity is kept in view at the time of wage/pay revision.

Public Sector Corporations

1482. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the chief executives of the public sector corporations which are losing financially have asked Government to write off their losses;

(b) if so, what had been the attitude of the Governmnet towards their suggestion/demand;

(c) whether Government propose to remove the chief executive of such units which have been in continuous losses and if so, by when; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) No Sir; there is no such general demand.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No Sir, there is no such general proposal.

(d) The financial results of these enterprises are not necessarily attributable only to the efficiency or inefficiency of their chief executives though in some stray cases it can also be one of the contributory factors. Moreover, the appointment/extension of the term of office of the chief executives is done by the government based on the recommendations of Public Enterprises Selection Board which takes into account the various factors affecting the competency and suitability of the candidates for specific posts.

Industries set up in backward areas of Andhra Pradesh by Public and Private Setcor

1473. SHRI ADINARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the different public and private sector companies which have undertaken programme to set up industries in the backward areas in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) the number of industries which have been set up by each of these companies in Andhra Pradesh during the Sixth Plan period;

(c) if so, what are their locations and cost of each such units; and

(d) what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (d) The following number of Letters of intent (LOI), Industrial Licences (IL) and DGTD Registrations were issued for setting up industries in backward areas of Andhra Pradesh during the years 1980 to 1985:—

Year (Jan-Dec.)	LOI	IL	DGTD Reg.
1980	39	15	41
1981	38	19	84
1982	47	9	92
1983	50	25	112
1984	56	23	135
(Jan-Mar) 1985	22	11	63

The details of all Letters of Intent, Industrial Licences and DGTD Registrations such as name of undertaking, location, item of manufacture, capacity etc.